



**Pastoral Area
Newsletter**
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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

Year (B) Weekdays: Year I. Psalter Week 3.

Welcome to our Pastoral Area

Churches in the Pastoral Area

Bishops Waltham - Our Lady Queen of Apostles,
Martin Street.

Fair Oak - St Swithun Wells,
Allington Lane.

Eastleigh - Holy Cross, Leigh Road.

Chandlers Ford - St Edward the Confessor,
Winchester Road.

North Baddesley - St Andrew's, Fleming Avenue.

Romsey - St Joseph's, Abbey House Drive.

Taking Today's Gospel Home

+ *Children/
Families*

*Why were people
complaining about
Jesus? How might Jesus
have felt about it all?
(Remember he had just
fed them all!).*

+ *Young People/
Adults* What does

*"living bread come down from heaven"
mean to me? What does it offer me?*



The Day of the Resurrection: the new creation

Jesus rose from the dead "on the first day of the week." Because it is the "first day," the day of Christ's Resurrection recalls the first creation. Because it is the "eighth day" following the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by Christ's Resurrection. For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day - Sunday:

We all gather on the day of the sun, for it is the first day (after the Jewish sabbath, but also the first day) when God, separating matter from darkness, made the world; and on this same day Jesus Christ our Saviour rose from the dead.

St. Justin

The Sunday Eucharist

The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."

This practice of the Christian assembly dates from the beginnings of the apostolic age. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds the faithful "not to neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but to encourage one another."

"A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop." It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests.

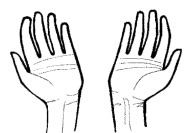
St. John Chrysostom

The Sunday Obligation

The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass. The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

*Father, in your
plan for our
salvation you
provide
shepherds for
your people.
Fill your Church
with the Spirit of
courage and love.
Raise up worthy
ministers for your
altars and ardent
but gentle
servants of the
Gospel.
Grant this
through our Lord
Jesus Christ your
Son, who lives
and reigns with
you and the Holy
Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever.
AMEN.*



❖ Liturgy and Sacraments

XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES: We warmly welcome the Xaverian Missionaries who will be making an appeal this weekend during Mass at St. Swithun Wells Church, Holy Cross Church and St. Edward the Confessor Church.

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: We offer our prayers and congratulations to Jenny and Mike Walsh who recently celebrated their 40th Wedding anniversary. Father Gerard Hughes will present them with a Papal Blessing during Mass at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, 9 August, 2009.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM IN 3 RIVERS PASTORAL AREA:

For parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their child, the next preparation session for 3 Rivers Pastoral Area will be held on Sunday, 6 September, 2009, from 4.30pm to 6pm, in the Resource Centre of Holy Cross Church, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, SO50 9DF. Application Forms are available from the Parish Offices on 023 8027 3882 or 01794 513646, or the Priests.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Luke 1:39-56. Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10. Psalm 44. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.

Please read the Gospel during the week and listen as it is proclaimed on Sunday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:

St. Swithun Wells/Holy Cross/ St. Edward the Confessor Churches:

Application forms for First Holy Communion are now available in all three churches.

In order for your child to be included in the preparation, the forms must be returned by

Friday, 4 September, 2009.

The first session will be held for the parents on Tuesday, 22 September, at 7.30pm, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING: On Wednesday, 9 September, 2009, at 7.30pm, Monika Chmelova, an Advisor for Catechesis and Adult formation, specialising in First Holy Communion preparation, has been invited to speak to our Pastoral Area, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU. If you would like to come to this meeting or be involved as a catechist, or a helper, please contact Elizabeth Nash on 01962 712022, or Anne Owen on 023 8025 4806. This meeting is open to all in 3 Rivers Pastoral Area.



❖ St. Andrew's Church

During the refurbishment of St. Andrew's Church, the 9.15am Mass will be transferred to St. Joseph's Church, Romsey. Anyone requiring transport to St. Joseph's Church is requested please to be at St. Andrew's Church Car Park at 8.45am on Sunday. The Saturday 6pm and Sunday 11am Masses will be in St. Joseph's Church as usual. The Tuesday 10am Mass will be suspended until St. Andrew's Church re-opens. There is a Mass at St. Joseph's Church every Tuesday at 6pm. On Fridays, at 10am, the Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Service with Morning Prayers, normally held at St. Andrew's Church, will instead be at St. Joseph's Church. These arrangements will stay until the work at St. Andrew's has been completed.

Volunteers wanted to operate the Hi Fi system for Sunday 9.15am Masses while these are being celebrated at St. Joseph's Church. This is for recorded hymns as no organist is available. The operation is very simple and you will be shown how to use the system. Enquiries please to Nigel Coleman on 01794 388449.

❖ Ongoing Formation

JOURNEY IN FAITH:

Meetings will resume after the Summer break in September. These meetings are for anyone who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith, or would like to find out about becoming a Catholic.

Enquiries please to:

Deacon Paul on 023 8025 4806, for *St. Swithun Wells, Holy Cross and St. Edward the Confessor Churches.*

Deacon John on 01794 515688, for *St. Joseph and St. Andrew's Churches.*

Pat Taylor on 01489 895889, for *Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church.*

❖ Holy Land Pilgrimage

Pilgrims are invited to attend a final meeting, prior to their departure to the Holy Land, on Friday, 4 September, 2009, from 7.30pm-9pm, in the Cloister of St. Edward the Confessor Church, 191/193 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU.

❖ Outreach

WISHING WELL - COVENANT WITH THE POOR:

Inviting Bids!

If you are involved with a project or group which meets a local need, supporting human dignity, we may be able to help.

Apply for a grant from the Holy Cross Wishing Well!

Tell us about your project, how the monies will be used and give us a contact number.

Old friends are welcome to apply again.

Write to: The Wishing Well, Holy Cross Catholic Church, 53 Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants. SO50 9DF
Closing date for bids—end of September, 2009.

CAR WASH in aid of sending OLQoA's Young People to Fanning the Flame Catholic Camp:

Many thanks to those who trusted us with their cars on Sunday last. Apart from splashing one another a good deal, we know that some of the water went on your cars, and we think they left us cleaner than before. We raised about £135 towards sending our young people to Sister Maria's summer camp in the New Forest. Thank you so much. *Anthony McEwen.*

POITIERS PROJECT: Thank you for your continued support for the needy locally. Please leave men's nearly new or washed jumpers, anoraks, fleeces or coats with the Poitiers box in your church. Furniture and electric cookers also needed. Enquiries please to Pauline in Chandler's Ford parish office on 023 8027 3882.



❖ Pastoral Area B.B.Q.

This will be held in the grounds of St. Swithun Wells Church, Allington Lane, Fair Oak, weather permitting, on Sunday, 6 September, 2009. The BBQ'S will be lit from 12.30pm onwards. All you are asked to bring is your own food for cooking, drinks, picnic tables and chairs, plates, etc. There is no charge. If you are coming with children, then please bring footballs, rounders' equipment, etc. for them to play with in the field. We hope that many people in the Pastoral Area will come along and enjoy themselves, getting to know new friends and meeting up with old friends. There will be a raffle during the afternoon in aid of the Wishing Well Appeal. If you have any queries, please contact Pat or Peter Baggott on 023 8069 4060.

❖ Supporting each other

A LEISURE DAY OUT AT JUBILEE HALL: This day is for older residents of Bishop's Waltham and Upham. A programme of activities, entertainment, talks and more, plus coffee, lunch and tea. Cost £5.

The dates are Tuesday, 18 August, or Wednesday, 19 August, 2009. Transport will be provided if needed.

For further information or booking form please contact Angela Fairweather on 01489 895968.

INVITATION: Margaret and Henri Kemhadjian will be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary on Saturday, 22 August, 2009, and would like to invite their friends to share in a glass of wine after the 6.30pm Mass at St. Edward the Confessor Church that evening. They look forward to seeing as many of you as can come.

PASTORAL AREA WALK: Thanks to the 9 who met and enjoyed a beautiful sunset walk on Baddesley Common.

❖ Pastoral Area Newsletter

Items for inclusion in the Pastoral Area Newsletter must be sent please by Tuesday, noon, by post or phone, direct to the Parish Office at Chandler's Ford on 023 8027 3882, or email 3rivers@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

This newsletter can be sent to you by email service — just email website@3rivers.org.uk

Enlarged copies can be arranged by phoning 023 8027 3882.

❖ Finance

WE ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS COLLECTIONS HELD IN OUR CHURCHES ON 02.08.09.

St. Edward the Confessor: £1,155.83, (Loose plate: £201.18, Envelopes: £135.50, & Standing Orders: £819.15).

Holy Cross & St. Swithun Wells: £ 1,227.05, (Loose plate: £302.86, Envelopes: £364.19, & Standing Orders: £560.00).

200 CLUB: No: 197, Mrs. P. Freemantle, £25. **On 8/9 August,** the Xaverian Missionaries will be making an appeal in the above three churches. **St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's:** Gift Aid £368. Non Gift Aid £263.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles: Gift Aid: Thanks to those who kindly donate their collection through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish received £1,918 back from the tax inspector for the first quarter of this year. This really is a brilliant way to swell our collection and it is really simple too. Please contact Anthony McEwen (01489 877448) to discover how you can make your giving more effective at no extra cost to yourself.



Saturday	8	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	5.00pm (SW) Victor James and parents 6.00pm (SJ) Denise Arthur (recovery from illness) 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area
Sunday	9	NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.00am (SE) Mary Betts RIP 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) Alan French (anniversary) 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Paddy Chandler RIP	
Monday	10	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Laurence</i>	9.15am (SE) Lilian and Anthony de Melo 10.00am (SW) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion followed by the Rosary</i>
Tuesday	11	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Clare</i>	9.15am (SE) The living and deceased members of the Jones family FM 10.00am (HC) Teresa Dunne RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 7.00pm (HC) <i>Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament</i> 7.30pm <i>Holy Rosary in the Oratory of Marie Louise House, Romsey</i>
Wednesday	12	9.15am (SE) Mary McGinty—get well	10.00am (HC) Elizabeth and Richard Cooper
Thursday	13	9.15am (SE) Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP	10.00am (HC) Leonard and Eveline Hiron RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS
Friday	14	9.00am (OLQoA) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe</i>	9.15am (SE) Skipton Leonard and Mary Marjorie Haslam RIP 10.00am (HC) Seamus McEvoy 10.00am (SJ) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion with Morning Prayer</i>
Saturday	15	10.00am (HC) <i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i> <i>St. Dominic</i> (<i>The First Mass of Sunday</i>)	5.00pm (SW) Noel, Nora and Patrick Luery RIP 6.00pm (SJ) MASS 6.00pm (OLQoA) MASS 6.30pm (SE) Rita and George Hartley RIP
Sunday	16	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 9.00am (SE) The People of 3 Rivers Pastoral Area 9.00am (HC) Polska Msza Święta 9.15am (SJ) MASS 9.30am (OLQoA) MASS 11.00am (SJ) MASS 11.00am (HC) Father Paul Beaumont FM	

HC: Holy Cross, SW: St. Swithun Wells, OLQoA: Our Lady Queen of Apostles, SA: St Andrew's, SJ: St. Joseph's, SE: St Edward's.

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